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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (new) : A method of monitoring activity of a subject comprising:

measuring, at a point on the subject, simultaneous movement in two or more directions, at each of a plurality of times during a time period;

calculating a first vector magnitude from a first simultaneously measured movement at a first of the plurality of times during the time period;

calculating a second vector magnitude from a second simultaneously measured movement at a second of the plurality of times during the time period;

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storing in a memory of an activity monitor attached to the subject, first and second values corresponding, respectively, to the first vector magnitude and the second vector magnitude; and

determining an activity level of the subject for the time period from, at least, the first and second stored values.

Claim 11 (new) : The method of claim 10, wherein the movement is measured by accelerometer, the movement directions are orthogonal x-. y- and z- directions and the first vector magnitude and the second vector magnitude are determined according to the following expression:

$$|a| = \sqrt{ax^2 + ay^2 + az^2},$$

where a_x , a_y and a_z are the movement measurements in respective x-. y- and z- directions and a is the magnitude of the resultant vector of such movement.

Claim 12 (new) : The method of claim 11 wherein a

plurality of stored values are used to determine the activity level and each of the plurality of stored values corresponds to a vector magnitude.

Claim 13 (new) : The method of claim 12 wherein the step of determining the activity level comprises summing time integrals of the plurality of stored values.

Claim 14 (new) : The method of claim 10 wherein the step of determining the activity level comprises summing time integrals of the first and second vector magnitudes.

Claim 15 (new) : The method of claim 10 wherein the step of calculating a first vector magnitude from a first simultaneously measured movement comprises obtaining the first vector magnitude from a lookup table.

Claim 16 (new) : The method of claim 10 wherein the

step of storing values corresponding to the first vector magnitude comprises storing the direction of the resultant of the vector of the first vector magnitude.

Claim 17 (new) : The method of claim 10 comprising the step of transferring the first and second values to a host system.

Claim 18 (new) : The method of claim 17, wherein the host system is a personal computer.

Claim 19 (new) : The method of claim 16, wherein the step of determining an activity level of the subject takes place in the host system.

Claim 20 (new) : The method of claim 10, wherein the data used to determine the activity level consists of values corresponding to two or more vector magnitudes at each of a corresponding two or more times during the time period.

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Claim 21 (new) : A method of monitoring activity of a subject comprising:

measuring, at a point on the subject, simultaneous movement in two or more directions, at each of a plurality of times during a time period;

calculating a plurality of vector magnitudes each from a respective one of the simultaneously measured movements;

storing in a memory of an activity monitor values corresponding, respectively, to the calculated vector magnitudes; and

transmitting at least a subset of the stored values to a device configured to determine an activity level of the subject.

Claim 22 (new) : The method of claim 21, wherein the movement is measured by accelerometer, the movement directions are orthogonal x-. y- and z- directions and the vector magnitudes are determined according to the

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following expression:

$$|a| = \sqrt{(ax^2 + ay^2 + az^2)},$$

where a_x , a_y and a_z are the movement measurements in respective x -, y - and z - directions and a is the magnitude of the resultant vector of such movement.

Claim 23 (new) : The method of claim 21 wherein determining the activity level comprises summing time integrals of the plurality of stored values.

Claim 24 (new) : An activity monitor comprising:
a measurement unit including a plurality of motion sensors for producing respective sensor signals indicative of motion experienced thereby; and
a processor operable to receive the sensor signals from the measurement unit, and to process the sensor signals in accordance with a predetermined method,
wherein the processor is operable to process the sensor signals as respective vector components to produce a resultant vector and store values

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corresponding to the magnitude of the resultant vector
at two or more points in time,

the activity monitor being attachable to a subject
without restricting movement of the subject.

Claim 25 (new) : The activity monitor of claim 24,
wherein the movement is measured by accelerometer, the
movement directions are orthogonal x-. y- and z-
directions and the vector magnitudes are determined
according to the following expression:

$$|a| = \sqrt{(ax^2 + ay^2 + az^2)},$$

where a_x , a_y and a_z are the movement measurements in
respective x-. y- and z- directions and a is the
magnitude of the resultant vector of such movement.